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Holiday Schedule for Christmas and New Year's Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

County Offices – closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2

Libraries – closed December 25, 26 and January 1, 2

County Liquor stores – closed

Recreation – All facilities and programs closed December 25 and January 1. Senior centers are closed December 24 through January 2. For information on schedules for aquatic facilities and community centers during the holiday week, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/Resources/Files/thingstodo/events/2016HolidayWeekRecreationOpenings.pdf>

Montgomery Parks - for the holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Saturday, December 24: Saturday schedule with [limited late evening service](#). Trips scheduled to depart from the terminal at 10:01 p.m. or later will NOT depart. **Sunday, December 25:** Sunday schedule. **Monday, December 26:** Sunday schedule (Christmas Day - observed). **Sunday, January 1:** Sunday schedule; **Monday, January 2:** Sunday schedule (New Year's Day - observed)

Metro rail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metro bus – Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Transfer Station and Poolesville Beauty Spot – closed on December 25 and January 1

Refuse/recycling pickup – will operate as scheduled

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices – Schools and offices closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2; no school for students and teachers December 26 – January 2

State offices and courts – closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2

Metro Holiday Hours 2016

WMATA has released its holiday schedule, and there's actually not much change to the normal operating hours for Metro. For details, visit <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/details/metro-holiday-2016.cfm?alerts-widget-next-train-all=E10>.

Holiday Collection Day Slide Reminder for County Recycling and Trash Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services

Sunday, December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day - All County-provided recycling and trash collections this week will be made on their normal schedule.

If your collection day is	Your collection day this week is
Monday	Monday, December 26, 2016 (no change)
Tuesday	Tuesday, December 27, 2016 (no change)
Wednesday	Wednesday, December 28, 2016 (no change)
Thursday	Thursday, December 29, 2016 (no change)
Friday	Friday, December 30, 2016 (no change)

If you have questions or concerns about your County-provided collection, please contact the Montgomery County Customer Service Center (MC311) at 311 (out-of-County: 240-777-0311, TTY: 301-251-4850) or [@311MC311](#).

If you (or your community) have a private contract for your trash collection, or if you [live in a municipality](#), our schedule announcements may not apply to your collection service -- check with your hauler or community manager.

Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station

[Transfer Station location, hours and other details](#)

- Sunday, December 25, 2016: Entire facility closed. [Check latest Transfer Station operating status](#)

A look ahead to the New Year's Day 2017 schedule

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day - All County-provided recycling and trash collections this week will be made on their normal schedule.

If your collection day is	Your collection day this week is
Monday	Monday, January 2, 2017 (no change)
Tuesday	Tuesday, January 3, 2017 (no change)
Wednesday	Wednesday, January 4, 2017 (no change)
Thursday	Thursday, January 5, 2017 (no change)
Friday	Friday, January 6, 2017 (no change)

Holiday recycling tips

We collect Christmas trees for recycling on your recycling day. Remember to remove all decorations. [Details about how to prepare your Christmas tree for pick up.](#)

Keep our [how do I recycle/dispose...](#) information handy for family members or guests wondering whether something is recyclable.



House Fires from Hot Ashes Occurring Too Often!

Your safety and that of your loved ones depends on taking the right actions with hot ashes. The house fire that occurred this week is the 4th such event this fall. Please check out the following messages from Montgomery County's Fire Chief Scott Goldstein.

General Safety Tips for this holiday season

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17599

Fireplace and Wood Stove Ashes

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/Resources/Files/mcfrs_personnel/Fireplace%20and%20wood.pdf

Fireplace and Wood Stove Safety

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/Resources/Files/mcfrs_personnel/Fireplace-woodstove.pdf

See news coverage at [NBC4 Washington](#) and [Fox 5](#)

UCAB Land Use Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Update on County Road Projects

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

How Will You Serve?



To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the City of Gaithersburg is joining with Montgomery County government and Seneca Creek Community Church to host a [Day of Service](#) that will benefit the most vulnerable in our community. More than a dozen community service projects suitable for a variety of ages and skill levels will take place at the Gaithersburg church from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, January 16. Space is limited; pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) for project details and to register.



Applications Being Accepted for the Emergency Capital Improvement Project Grants

The Arts & Humanities Council (AHCMC) has \$322,000 available for Fiscal Year 17's Emergency Capital Improvement Project Grants. (Fiscal Year 17 runs from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017).

Please review the [FY17 guidelines here](#) and contact Nabil Ghachem, Grants Program Manager, at 301-565-3804 or abil.ghachem@creativemoco.com. Capital Improvement Project Grants are intended to assist arts and humanities organizations related to an existing structure or physical plant repairs that are critical to an organization's arts or humanities mission.

Deadline: Friday, January 13, 2017 at 11:59 pm.

**Leggett Taps Private Sector Executive Robert Dorfman
to Head County Department of Liquor Control**

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17655

**County Council Public Hearing on Bill Regarding Development Impact Tax
Scheduled for Tuesday, January 17 1:30pm
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

The Council Agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during a Council meeting. To get updates, please contact the Council Office at 240-777-7900 or visit the Council's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council.

Expedited Bill 51-16 would establish a local area transportation review mitigation payment; authorize the Council to set the rates by resolution after a public hearing; and amend the law concerning the development impact tax for transportation improvements.

The public hearing will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at <http://tinyurl.com/z9982v8>.

Those interested in testifying at the public hearing can sign up online at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/phsignup.html> or by calling 240-777-7803. The deadline to sign up is 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16. Call 240-777-7910 to obtain copies of the bill or go to <http://tinyurl.com/jsu9j3r>.



The 100 Mile Challenge is Back!

The challenge starts on Thursday, January 26, 2017 and runs for 100 days, concluding on May 5, 2017, culminating in a Wellness and Fitness Festival on May 6, 2017.

You may Register as an Individual or as part of a Group Participation Challenge. The Group Challenge is to form a group in one of the four categories: School, Community or Senior Center, MC Gov Department, or Community Group. Register as many participants as possible in your group. Give your group a unique name and participants must enter that name when they register. Anyone can be in your group; friends, family, neighbors etc. Recruit as many as possible to register!

Register online at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org, activity no. 26595

Check out these flyers and forms:

[Challenge Information Flyer](#)

[Challenge Brochure](#)

[Dog Tracking Log](#)

[Participant Tracking Log](#)

Start 2017 with a healthy challenge for and your family. You can even bring the dog!!

Are you ready to get up and move? Do you want to win prizes? Visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/100.html> for more information.

Celebrating Montgomery County's 2016 Team USA Olympians

6 of the 46 Gold Medals Awarded to the U.S Came from Montgomery County!



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, Council President Roger Berliner, and several other County officials led the celebration for Montgomery County's 2016 Team USA Olympians. Pictured (l to r): Ashley Nee, Jack Conger, Katie Ledecky; not present due to previously arranged scheduling conflict is Helen Maroulis.

Jack Conger, from Rockville, competed in the 4x200m freestyle swimming event. Conger graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in 2013 and earned a gold medal in the 4x200m freestyle relay swim. Katie Ledecky, from Bethesda, also a gold-medalist from the 2012 Olympics, competed in the 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle, and 4x200 freestyle swim events. She is a graduate from Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in 2015 and earned a silver and four gold medals at the 2016 Olympics. Ashley Nee from Darnestown competed in the canoe slalom. Nee overcame a past serious shoulder injury and the disappointment of just missing placement on the 2012 Team USA for the London games due to a technical tiebreaker. Helen Maroulis made history when she defeated Japan's 13-time world champion, giving Team USA its first women's wrestling gold medal in Olympic history. Maroulis competed in the freestyle 53 kg.

- [Watch video from YouTube](#)
- [View photos from Flickr](#)

Way to Go!

County Officials Celebrate Opening of Senior Rental Housing in Germantown;

Churchill Senior Living, Phase II Includes 134 new Mixed-Income Apartments

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=18658

Serve on County Boards and Commissions

If you are interested in serving on a County board, committee or commission, review the vacancy announcements and read instructions carefully at: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html>

Wishing You a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season from the Upcounty Regional Office!

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>